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AN ORDINANCE

BY: COUNCILMEMBER CLAIR MULLER.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE DIVISION 7., ENTITLED "ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES", SECTIONS 162-146 THROUGH 162-161, OF CHAPTER 162 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, WITH NEW LANGUAGE, SO AS TO STRENGTHEN REGULATIONS IN THIS TRADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, regulation of horse drawn carriages for hire in urban areas is necessary to protect the safety and well being of horses, as well as to protect the safety of passengers and the public from traffic hazards created by these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the horse precludes him to be a high risk in congested, high intensity urban environments, which are most unnatural to his senses, and impose unnatural demands on his physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, the operation of carriages by owners and drivers who have not demonstrated a basic knowledge of the proper care, handling and maintenance of horses, proper and safe driving techniques and the laws and regulations governing the operation of carriages, increases the risk that horses will be overworked and treated inhumanely, and passengers, pedestrians and motorists will be injured, and property will sustain damage; and

WHEREAS, the high rate of accidents, the difficulty in obtaining adequate liability insurance, the nature of the vehicle which is open, fragile, and contains no seat belts, and is propelled by a creature whose natural instincts are to flee, demands that restrictions and regulations be imposed on the operation of horse drawn carriages for the safety of all concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the existing regulations for animal-drawn carriages, which is covered in Division 7., Sections 162-146 through 162-161, of Chapter 162 of the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances, be replaced, and the following language be used as a guideline in preparation of the new sections:

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